

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: Health and Human Services and Veterans Service Committee

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, August 7, 2018

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Location: Department of Health and Human Services
Buffalo County Courthouse – 3rd Floor
3rd Floor Conference Room
407 S 2nd Street, Alma, Wisconsin

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mr. John Kriesel at 6:00 PM.

1. ROLL CALL/BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Roll call was taken. Members present were Joette Gillett, John Kriesel, Richard Mueller, Nettie Rosenow, Linda Smith and Scott Smith. Wendy Kleinschmidt was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING

Dave Rynders, April Loeffler, Shawn Squires, Jim Goss

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2019 DHHS BUDGET

The Public Hearing on the 2019 DHHS budget ran concurrently with other meeting agenda items.

3. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Joette Gillett to approve the July 3rd minutes as presented and Nettie Rosenow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING POSTED AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments.

5. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – VETERANS SERVICES MONTHLY VOUCHERS

The Veterans monthly vouchers were presented by Mr. Goss and reviewed. A 2019 draft budget handout was shared by Mr. Goss which will be presented at the September 4th Home Committee meeting.

6. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT

Ms. Loeffler presented the monthly investigation/case reports highlighting the rise in human health hazards and animal bites partly due to the weather and people being outdoors more. The Public Health department is now fully staffed and they are working to increase the WIC caseload by contacting clients who had missed appointments in past months. Ms. Loeffler also reported tick borne illnesses are up, also due to weather conditions. A grant application was submitted for *Taking Action with Data through the Environmental Public Health Tracking* program. The focus of the application would be to assess and address private well water quality; however, Buffalo

County was not awarded the grant. Ms. Rosenow inquired about the results of the water testing program and Ms. Loeffler stated the data will be available later this fall for review. Ms. Loeffler reported WIC Support Staff Specialist, Mylessa Ingli will temporarily be assisting Social Services with transportation, drug screening, and supervised visitation due to two vacancies within the Social Services department. Mr. Kriesel noted a decrease in STD occurrences; Ms. Loeffler indicated the STD cases are reported directly to the state.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – 2019 DHHS BUDGET

Mr. Squires presented the 2019 DHHS budget; after review and extensive discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Rosenow and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the 2019 draft DHHS budget as presented; motion approved.

8. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – DHHS COMMITTEE MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE INTERVIEWS

Mr. Rynders was directed by Administration to inquire if there was interest within the Home Committee members to participate in employee interviews. Mr. Kriesel suggested it be an open ended invitation to participate in interviews if members so choose.

9. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – TEMPORARILY INCREASE PART-TIME WIC SPECIALIST HOURS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR SOCIAL SERVICES VACANCIES

Mr. Rynders reiterated what Ms. Loeffler reported in her Public Health report that the WIC Support Staff Specialist, Mylessa Ingli will be temporarily full-time to assist the Social Services department until the two vacancies are filled.

10. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – LONG TERM CARE SYSTEM MEETING WITH INCLUSA, BUFFALO AND PEPIN COUNTY

Mr. Rynders reported on a meeting with Inclusa, a managed care organization (MCO) for long term support that serves the elderly, physically disabled, developmentally disabled adult population in an estimated 60 counties throughout Wisconsin including Buffalo County. Concerns were addressed regarding the availability of provider networks and areas were identified as to what improvements can be made to serve the elderly and disabled such as earlier communication with the DHHS APS department, cooperation with each other regarding providers and the use of an appeal process concerning rates.

11. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – ENHANCING COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO THE OPIOID CRISIS: SERVING OUR YOUNGEST CRIME VICTIMS GRANT APPLICATION

Mr. Rynders presented an Abstract regarding the youth of Buffalo County and how severely they have been harmed by the spike in methamphetamine use and the addiction by many parents and caregivers of children. Mr. Rynders also provided Buffalo County's proposal to be funded by the enhancing community responses to the opioid crisis: serving our youngest crime victims. The grant has been submitted to obtain funds for a multi-systemic response for young crime victims through a Big Brother/Big Sister mentoring program.

12. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – DHHS FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr. Squires presented the financial update highlighting the state/federal revenues and the change in deadline to submit the monthly reports. Also addressed were the overall expenses and the Agent of the State.

13. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – DHHS MONTHLY VOUCHERS

The monthly vouchers were reviewed. A suggestion was made by Ms. Rosenow to subtotal expenses for each department. Mr. Squires will submit the vouchers both ways at the September meeting for the committee to review. A motion was made by Ms. Smith to approve the monthly vouchers as presented and seconded by Ms. Gillett. Motion approved.

14. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – MONTHLY UNIT REPORTS

The monthly unit reports were reviewed with no discussion.

15. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – DHHS DIRECTOR

Mr. Rynders reported the Governor announced the appointment of Tom Bilski as District Attorney. Corporate Counsel will continue to be contracted with Seifert and Schultz through 2018.

16. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Kriesel, an Inclusa board member stated he was approached by an Inclusa client's Parent who was upset that a decision was made regarding her daughter's treatment. Mr. Kriesel informed the Parent that board members do not make any decisions regarding clients; they serve as a policy board member.

17. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next Home Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4th, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

18. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING UNRELATED AGENDA ITEMS

Public Health and WIC 2019 budget update

19. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Mueller and seconded by Ms. Gillett to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hildebrand